THE MAN FROM CALIFORNIA.

His Name Not Mentioned, but the Golden West Is Proud of Him.

"The man who has never gone hunting and fishing in California in June, with the necessary accompaniments and plenty of time on his hands," said the man from Corbett's native state, "has made a failure of life. He isn't really in it."

"Did you get that sun kissed nose, that peeling neck and those tan colored hands on a hunting and fishing excursion in California?" asked the man who had his feet

"There were six in our party," said the other, ignoring the interruption. "We entered the mountains just back of Altadena. We had burros, guns, provender and fishing tackle ad libitum. Our first camp was pitched about 7,000 feet above the sea, near a spring, surrounded by ferns fifteen feet high-and I can knock any man down that disputes that assertion to the extent of a single inch. The resinous odors of balsams and firs"-

'See guidebook," murmured the man, in

the slouch hat. —"filled the air, and the sound of falling water luiled us to sleep. The next morn-ing was fogless, and from our perch we could see plainly Altadena, Pasadena and limitless stretches of valley and plain, with dark green squares of lemon and orange orchards. The ocean was plainly visible and not a speck was to be seen on its surface. The only thing that loomed up between us and Japan was distance"-'And the protective tariff' suggested

the man with the russet shoes. "The next man that interrupts me," said the speaker, flicking the asies from the end of his half smoked cigar, "will wish he hadn't. I have a worse eigar than this in my pocket. I shall simply light it."

A deep, dark silence fell upon the group.

Seven thousand feet above the ravages of the advertising fiend!" he continued.
"Lydia Pinkham never had been there. On the rocks and cliffs there was nothing to remind you of your liver or kidneys. No liquid glue man with a paint pot and brush had ever seen the place. Down in the swale of moist gypsum below the spring there was a bear track as big as a saucer, but we stuck to our camp biscuit and canned corn and let the bear alone,

The next night found us in the main San Gabriel canyon arranging rod and line to whip the deeps and shallows of the finest trout stream in all California, and at 10 o'clock the next day we counted the catch, Five of us had fished, leaving one to watch camp. We had bagged 247 trout that measured all the way from five to fourteen inches in length. We kept this up for five days, and all the chowder and things we didn't cat the burros did, along with their everyday diet of thistles, cactus, pubber blankets and disheloths. We had one big, overgrown burro we christened Chicago. This ravenous animal would swallow every thing in sight and then gnaw at the tent

On the ninth day we climbed again up, up, into the regions of pure air and the balsam of health, and on the evening of the tenth day out our camp was pitched 10,800 feet above blige water. We could look out over the Mojave desert, the boundless domain of the bronze lizard and borned toad-away on out over the trackless void toward Salt Lake, Denver, home, From this eyric our shooters went forth to shoot, down the mountain sides, into the echolog canyons with no bottoms, along the crests and crags, in and out of caves and"---"What did you shoot?"

"It makes no difference what we shot, The California game laws are against kill-ing deer at this season. So we didn't kill any deer. At least we didn't call them deer. We called them caribou. There were two of them. They weighed eighty pounds each. The killing was done in self defense. We skinned these caribou and hung them on the limb of the spruce, out of the reach of mountain lions.

"The next day the two shooters who went out came into camp about 4 p. m. and asked all hands to come along quick—they had 'something to carry.' What that something proved to be is in evidence at 824 Grand avenue, Los Angeles, where a magnificent rug softens the footsteps on the tufted floor—and the bear weighed over 700 pounds.

"I didn't shoot any caribou or bear myself, but I want you to understand that I was one of the party that did. And while loitering about the camp waiting for the others to do the big game act I found two bee trees that contained about fourteen bushels, as nearly as we could estimate it, of honey.

"We were fifteen days in the mountains, and our table d'hote bill of fare was principally trout, caribou, b'ar mest and wild honey, which is a better layout by at least three points than John the Baptist could boast in his most haleyon and vociferous days. Gentlemen, will you join me in a glass of wild cherry phosphate or something at the place across the way?"

He knew the crowd. It was his easiest way to avoid a return fire. They joined him.-Chicago Tribune.

Wealth the True Basis for Titles.

It seems to me that it would be much better, and far more in keeping with the spirit of the times, to make all titles a question of pounds, shillings and pence. We have gone a good way in that direction. If a man can make so many thousand pounds out of beer, or railway contracting, or selling newspapers, he may have any title he pleases, provided he goes the right way to work.

But we don't do the thing systematically. It isn't on a businesslike footing. Very often the man who gets a title has previously received vast sums of public money for doing little or nothing, and even when he procures the title by its own money the payment does not go into the public treasury—as it ought to. He pays it to the party funds, or something of that kind. The system that prevalls in some of the minor European states is vastly more sen-

We ought to have a fixed tariff-somany hundred thousand pounds for a dukedom, so many for a marquisate, so many thousand for an earldom and so on. The money paid for the titles would go into the consolidated fund, and every nobleman would have pro rata a solid title to public respect. When we abolish the house of lords I expect that we shall have to adopt some plan of this kind, for though we may be able to do without the house I doubt whether Englishmen will ever be able to do without the lords.—Henry Labouchere in London Truth.

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"Supersettion is by no means confined to the uneducated classes," remarked John Henry Jamison to a party that was spinning ghost stories in the rotunda of the Southern. "I believe there is a more or less strongly defined vein of superstition in every mortal's makeup, but women have more than their share of it. Nine women out of ten are worshipers of Mumbo Jumbo. They believe that warts can be 'talked off,' that cutting a child's finger nails before he is a year old will cause it to become a thief, and have a hundred other superstitions equally as absurd. I once took a mean advantage of female credulity.

"A few years ago I became desperately enamored of a young Baltimore belle. She had several suitors, and I much feared that I was not the favorite one. Now the young ladies of Baltimore have a superstition that by performing some Mumbo Jum-bo ceremony at midnight on the first day of May, then looking into an open well, a maid may see the face of her future hus-band. Her brother had been a college chum of mine, and together we fixed up a little scheme. We made a round screen of thin cardboard that would just fit the well on her father's premises. In the center we cut a hole large enough to admit my head. Shortly before midnight I entered the well with my screen and a lamp. I descended twelve or fifteen feet, put my head through the screen, beneath which I held the lamp. "I had just completed my arrangements when I heard the young lady chanting the mystic lines. She looked into the well and appeared frightened, but satisfied. The next day I 'popped the question' and was accepted. I have never undeceived her. She believes to this day that our marriage was ordained by the fates,"-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Story of the Abbe May.

A cure from the country called on the Abbe May at Paris one day, and after complimenting him with earnestness and sincerity on his creditable and deserved reputation, said that he was involved in a lawsuit which he did not understand. He asked the abbe to advise him whether he was in the right or in the wrong, and whether he had better carry on the suit. So saying he delivered to the great jurist an enormous package of papers covered with almost illegible handwriting.

The abbe cheerfully accepted the task, and told the cure to call again in two weeks. He was pleased with the good, simple hearted man, and devoted his best energies to clearing up the case, though he was obliged to put other matters aside in order to do so.

The cure called on the day appointed, took the abbe's written opinion and read it through critically. He was delighted with the enthusiasm and clearness with which his rights were set forth. He embraced the abbe gratefully and cried: "Ah, monsieur, no one could be better pleased than I am, and I want you to be satisfied also. Here is money, monsieur, please take what is due you," and he threw a three franc piece on the table.

Not to humiliate the good man the abbe picked up the coin, took thirty-six sous from his purse and handed his client "the change,

Some one said, when he told the story, that as usual he had lost by his disinter-

"Lost?" said the abbe. "And do you count the pleasure of telling the story

Babbage and His Machine. Mr. Babbage had reached his anecdotage, was in the mood to be communicative, and my friend, Miss Kinglake, claiming the privilege of age, asked without reserve such questions as induced our host to be autobiographical. He told us that not only had he crippled his private fortune by his devotion to his calculating machine, but that for this idol of his brain he had given up all pleasures and comforts of domestic life. He married early, but his wife died while he was a young man. With an amount of feeling that I had never associated with a philosopher who wore the armor of cynicism, he pathetically lamented the dreary isolation of his lot, "for of course," said he, "fond as I am of

domestic life I should have married again if it had not been for my machine." He spoke of his mother on this memorable evening, repeating to us her reply when it became a question whether he should make further outlay respecting the machine, which had already cost his private purse £20,000. The old lady said with a large mindedness rare in our thrifty sex: "My dear son, you have a great object in view worthy of your ambition. My advice is, pursue it, even if it should oblige you to live on bread and cheese."-Mrs. Crosse in Temple Bar.

A Girl's Inconsistency.

A girl who emphatically affirms that poor, tired out men ought not to feel obliged to rise and offer a woman their seats in a crowded car, and who considers it rudeness of the worst type not to thank them for said courtesy, writes the follow ing in her confiding journal:
I am mad; mad; mad! I have to stand

up going down to work and I have to stand coming home. I have not had a seat in a street car for three months, and am thinking seriously of getting a car of my own in the shape of a bicycle,

The selfish men seem to glory in watching a woman hanging to a strap. They either try the ostrich scheme of hiding their heads or calmly fold up their papers, screw their faces into a don't-you-wish-you-were-me expression and glare the spots off

Then when the dear man comes to his getting off place he proceeds to tangle his feet up with your train, knock all the promiscuous bundles from your arms, and in some strange manner known only to himself set your hat about twenty degrees out

of its proper position. Before you can catch your breath some smiling maiden has calmly taken possession of the longed for place.-New York Commercial Advertiser.

Elephants' Love for Finery.

Strange as it may seem, the elephant is passionately fond of finery and delights to see himself decked out with gorgeous trappings. The native princes of India are very particular in choosing their state elephants, and will give fabulous sums for an animal that exactly meets the somewhat fanciful standards they have erected, For these they have made cloths of silk so heavily embroidered with gold that two men are hardly able to lift them.—Pear-

It Takes the Place of Diamond Dust. The name of carborundum has been given to a peculiar manufactured substance intended, on account of the peculiar properties which characterize it when thus used, to take the place of diamond dust and bort in the abrasion of hard substances. Singular to say, the product is in character wholly unlike the substances from which it is derived—that is, in composition it is almost pure carbon, in construction crystalline and in hardness it is ten, on Mohr's scale.

In view of these qualities, it is to all intents and purposes manufactured diamond powder, though in color it is slightly darker. Under the microscope many of the crystals appear of a dark green, some are yellow, while others still are blue, and some completely colorless. The cost of this material is said to be very moderate.

-New York Sun.

Human Stepping Stones. On rainy days in China, when a lady comes to a muddy place, she beckons to a boy, who will, if he is in the business, drop down in front of her, making a stepping stone on which the lady reaches dry land again.

Stockton's Story in Heathen Land,

The Karens are a tribe in upper Burmah ho have been partially converted to Christianity. They were never idol wor-shipers, for they had a strange tradition that a white man should come in a white boat, with a white book, which should teach them about the great spirit whom they worshiped.

Miss Evans, a cousin of Frank Stockton, and a missionary to this tribe, has recently returned home. She expected to pass the summer with the Stocktons, but Mr. Stockton was ordered abroad for his health, and they passed each other in midocean. She tells a story in regard to the famous "Lady or the Tiger.'

She used to tell this tale over and over again to the Karen women as they gathered about her, their bright, dusky faces full of intense interest, and each time when she came to the question, "Which was it?" the answer invariably was "The Tiger." Their ideas of revenge were such that they could not understand a love self sacrificing enough to cause the princess to save her lover at the expense of her own suffering. Miss Evans wrote Frank Stockton about this, and he replied: "I have received many letters from notable men and women, b which I felt greatly honored, but when heard of those heathen Karen women, almost at the ends of the earth listening to my story, I said, 'That is fame.' "-New

A Long Delayed Honeymoon.

The friends of Frank Sloane and Mary Virden of Bordentown, N. J., did not know until recently that they were married 35 years ago. The two have nearly the same circle of friends, but no one suspected that they were legally husband and wife. Thirty-five years ago, when Mary was yet in her teens, the two fell in love. The parents of each objected to their marriage, and while Mary was visiting a relative in New York city Frank went there, and they were secretly married. Frank and Mary afterward qurareled and came to the conclusion that they did not love each other. They decided never to tell of their marriage, and until a few days ago it remained a secret. They will now go to housekeeping together, though, at the request of friends, they will have a second ceremony performed.

Bats and Vampires. At sunset, in the forest of Guiana, the bats flit from their hiding places, some taking the place of the parrots and flocking around the fruit trees, while the horrid vampires wander far and near in search of some sleeping animal, or even man, in order to obtain a meal. Cows, goats, hogs, fowls, as well as game birds and quadrupeds, all suffer from their attacks if not secured in well latticed pens, while the

his foot or temple. In some places domestic animals cannot be kept at all, as they are so weakened by repeated attacks as to ultimately die of exhaustion. Fortunately, however, the vampires are not very common, and with proper care may be excluded from dwelling houses and stock pens,-Longman's

An Innocent Query.

One afternoon Bishop and Mrs. Potter drove out to Alexandria to visit the theo logical seminary there, of which the bishop is an alumnus. On the way he stopped young negro to learn from him the nearest way to the seminary. "Which cemetery do you want to go to?" was the reply.-New

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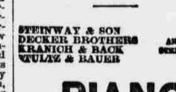
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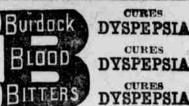


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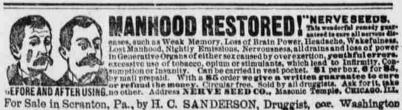
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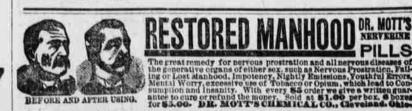
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